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SUMMARY OF SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS

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Proprietary Name: Soft Tissue Screw and Washer

Common or Usual Name: resorbable screw and washer

Classification Name: Fastener, Fixation, Biodegradable soft tissue

Device Product Code: 87MAI

Legally Marketed Devices To Which Substantial Equivalence is Claimed:

Mini Harpoon® Suture Anchor (Biomet, Inc., K973775), Acufex's Suretac® (Acufex, K931519), Resorbable Bone Pin (Biomet, Inc., K011522), Mitek GII Anchor (Mitek Surgical Products, Inc., K953877), Quick Anchor Plus (Mitek Surgical Products, Inc., 510(k) number unknown).

Indications for Screw and Washer:

Shoulder Indications: Bankart repair, SLAP lesion repair, acromioclavicular separation repair, rotator cuff repair, capsule repair and capsulolabral reconstruction, biceps tenodesis, deltoid repair.

Wrist Indications: Scapholunate ligament reconstruction.

Elbow Indications: Tennis elbow repair, biceps tendon reattachment, medial and lateral repairs, ulnar or radial collateral ligament reconstruction.

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Knee Indications: Extra-capsular repair: Medial collateral ligament repair, lateral collateral ligament repair, posterior oblique ligament repair, joint capsule closure, iliotibial band tenodesis reconstruction, patellar ligament/tendon repair, vastus medialis obliquus (VMO) muscle advancement.

This product is preloaded with suture for use at the discretion of the physician.

Device Description: The device is a resorbable screw and washer assembly. The screw measures 12.5mm in length and 2.25mm in diameter. The washer is oval shaped and measures 7mm along the long axis with two spikes to hold the soft tissue in place. The device is fully cannulated to accommodate the driver mechanism. The device may be used with any legally marketed suture (size 1 or 2) for secondary reattachment of soft tissue.

Summary of Technologies: The Soft Tissue Screw and Washer technological characteristics (material and design) are similar to the predicate devices.

Non-Clinical Testing: Mechanical testing was performed to establish substantial equivalence to the predicate devices.

Clinical Testing: Clinical testing was not used to establish substantial equivalence to predicate devices.

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Ms. Sara B. Shultz
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Re: K012572

Trade/Device Name: Soft Tissue Screw and Washer
Regulation Number: 888.3040, 888.3030
Regulation Name: Smooth or threaded metallic bone fixation fastener
Single/multiple component metallic bone fixation appliances
and accessories
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: HWC, HTN
Dated: October 24, 2001
Received: October 25, 2001

Dear Ms. Shultz:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act) that do not require approval of a premarket approval application (PMA). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

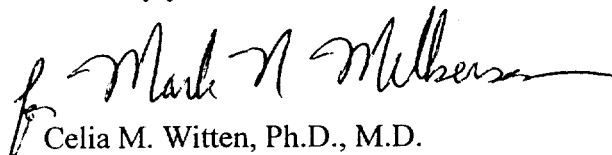
If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (PMA), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your Section 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 21 CFR Part 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4659. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21CFR Part 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsma/dsmamain.html>

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Celia M. Witten", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Celia M. Witten, Ph.D., M.D.

Director

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and Neurological Devices

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Enclosure

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use X
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

OR

Over-The-Counter-Use
(Optional Format 1-2-96)

for Mark N. Milburn
(Division Sign-Off)
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